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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DRAFT U.S.-ROMANIAN JOINT STATEMENT

REF: BUCHAREST 4154

1. ON NOVEMBER 21 DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE GAVE AMBASSADOR BOGDAN DRAFT OF U.S.-ROMANIAN JOINT STATEMENT (STATE 222591). ARMITAGE STRESSED THAT WE HAD GIVEN CAREFUL STUDY TO SUBSTANCE OF ROMANIAN-ITALIAN JOINT DECLARATION WHICH ROMANIANS HAD PASSED US AS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THEIR VIEWS AND HAD SOUGHT TO MEET WHAT WERE MAIN ROMANIAN POLITICAL CONCERNS. JOINT DECLARATION WAS NOT MOST SUITABLE FORMAT FOR U.S. BUT WE WERE PREPARED TO HAVE JOINT STATEMENT INSTEAD OF COMMUNIQUE WHICH MORE CUSTOMARY FOR OFFICIAL VISITS. WE RARELY DID THIS BUT HAD TAKEN EXCEPTIONAL STEP FOR PRESIDENT TITO AND PM TANAKA, FOR EXAMPLE AND DECISION HAD BEEN MADE WE WOULD MOVE TO MEET ROMANIAN DESIRES IN THIS MATTER. STATEMENT HAS SEPARATE SECTION WHICH SETS FORTH ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES. WE HAD SOUGHT TO AVOID REPETITION AND TO MAKE STATEMENT RATHER CRISP IN LANGUAGE AND APPROPRIATE TO OUR STYLE. IN CONVEYING DRAFT TO HIS GOVERNMENT BOGDAN SHOULD NOTE THAT IT HAD BEEN CONSIDERED AND APPROVED AT HIGH LEVEL.
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2. BOGDAN RESPONDED HE WOULD SEEK BUCHAREST'S REACTIONS ASAP BUT NOTED STRONG ROMANIAN PREFERENCE FOR SEPARATE COMMUNIQUE AND JOINT STATEMENT. HE ANTICIPATED THAT DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE STANCIU, WHO IS

SCHEDULED TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS AT DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 23,
WOULD BE PRESENTING ROMANIAN DRAFTS OF JOINT STATEMENT
AND LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS. BOGDAN SAID HE
EXPECTED THAT COMMON TEXT COULD BE WORKED OUT IN THE
COURSE OF NEXT WEEK ON BASIS OF U.S. AND ROMANIAN DRAFTS.
ARMITAGE SAID WE WOULD PREFER TO USE OUR DRAFT AS BASIS
OF DISCUSSION. KISSINGER

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